

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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GRADING SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether shortage of teaching staff in schools across the country is depriving children of quality education particularly in rural areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether children are losing the habit of studying after the introduction of grading system and as a result of which children studying in seventh standard cannot even read or write Hindi properly;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is considering to promote children from one class to the next by way of examination system in place of the present grading system and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is considering the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for providing quality education in rural areas of Rajasthan; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b): Since the inception of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) in 2001-02, a total of 19.84 lakh teacher posts have been sanctioned across the country till 2013-14, against which 15.06 lakh teacher posts have been filled up upto 31.03.2014.
- (c):No, Madam. The National Achievement Surveys conducted by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for classes III, V and VIII reveal that though learning levels remains low, there is a slight improvement in learning outcomes.
- (d):No, Madam.
- (e) & (f): Under the Model School Scheme for classes VI to XII, the Ministry envisages the setting up of 2,500 schools under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) including in Rajasthan, in blocks which are not educationally backward.